

# Creative Writing Competition

If you are aged 8-13, enter our *North of Nowhere* Creative Writing Competition, in association with Guardian Children's Books. You could win a fantastic digital camera, £100 worth of books for your school and have your story published on the Guardian Children's Books website, too!

The sleepy village of Porthaven hides a mystery. Mia's grandad has vanished, and nobody knows why. And local girl Dee appears to have secrets of her own, too.

Can Mia solve the mystery and find her grandad before time and tide wash away his future forever?

**A night of storms. A lifetime of secrets. A week to find the truth.**

To enter the creative writing competition, read the opening lines of *North of Nowhere* (below) and use them as a starting point for a story of your own, up to a maximum of 500 words.

**"I need to write it all down. That's the only way I'll believe it's true. Spring half term. All those incredible, impossible things. Did they really happen?**

**I've tried a hundred times to tell myself that they couldn't have done, that none of it is possible. And I'm right; none of it is possible.**

**But that doesn't change the fact that it is true. Everything *did* happen, exactly as I'm going to tell it now."**

Send your story, along with your name, address, age and contact telephone number, to 'North of Nowhere Competition', Orion Children's Books, Orion House, 5 Upper St. Martin's Lane, London, WC2H 9EA

or email your story to [competitions@orionbooks.co.uk](mailto:competitions@orionbooks.co.uk) with 'North of Nowhere Story' as the subject line.

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